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January 8, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A306  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934**

**Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support,  
WC Docket No. 09-197**

Dear Secretary Dortch,

Please find enclosed, on behalf of HolstonConnect, LLC, (FRN 0026995332) a petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(6). HolstonConnect, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holston Electric Cooperative ("HEC") located in Rogersville, Tennessee.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or have any questions regarding the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terri K. Firestein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terri K. Firestein  
Sr. Director  
CCG Consulting  
Regulatory Consultant to HolstonConnect, LLC

Cc: James B. Sandlin, CEO & General Manager

Enclosures